

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE KITCHEN ANGELS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION'S
3 TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SANTA FE AND
4 NORTHERN NEW MEXICO; DECLARING FEBRUARY 1, 2013 AS "KITCHEN
5 ANGELS DAY" IN THE LEGISLATURE.

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7 WHEREAS, between 2008 and 2010, fifteen percent of
8 New Mexico households experienced low food security, and six
9 percent experienced food shortage because of lack of
10 resources; and

11 WHEREAS, between 2008 and 2010, the percentage of
12 insured and uninsured adults between the ages of eighteen and
13 sixty-four who, because of poverty, postponed or did without
14 needed medical treatments increased; and

15 WHEREAS, postponing or forgoing needed medical
16 treatments can cause serious illness, medical complications
17 and longer, more frequent and costlier hospital stays; and

18 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels, a Santa Fe-based nonprofit
19 agency, was founded in June 1992 to respond to the lack of
20 services for the homebound, chronically ill; and

21 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels reduces the impact of poverty on
22 its clients' access to good nutrition and medical treatments;
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24 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels provides nutritious meals at no
25 cost to fragile, homebound individuals throughout Santa Fe

1 and northern New Mexico who have chronic or terminal illness;
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3 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels' clients cannot consistently
4 prepare meals for themselves because their illnesses limit
5 their abilities to shop and cook; and

6 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels' clients do not have family
7 members on whom they can rely to provide for their
8 nutritional needs; and

9 WHEREAS, ninety-eight percent of Kitchen Angels' clients
10 live on less than two hundred fifteen dollars (\$215) each
11 week; and

12 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels improves the quality of its
13 clients' lives by ensuring that the homebound, chronically
14 ill receive consistent nutrition, nutritional consultation
15 and a daily opportunity to interact with a caring person; and

16 WHEREAS, nearly all of Kitchen Angels' clients report
17 that because their nutritional needs are addressed, they are
18 able to afford their medications or avoid placement in a
19 nursing home, or both; and

20 WHEREAS, since its founding, Kitchen Angels has prepared
21 and delivered seven hundred fifty thousand meals; and

22 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels regularly partners with other
23 health and social service agencies to end hunger in
24 New Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels has relied on more than three

1 thousand five hundred volunteers to prepare and deliver
2 meals, which are offered each weekday, including holidays;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels is the only agency in northern
5 New Mexico that provides its type of services to individuals
6 who are less than the age of sixty; and

7 WHEREAS, the type of services that Kitchen Angels offers
8 could be offered in every community in New Mexico;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Kitchen Angels be commended for its
11 twenty years of outstanding contributions to the health and
12 well-being of some of the most fragile and vulnerable people
13 of Santa Fe and northern New Mexico; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 1, 2013 be declared
15 "Kitchen Angels Day" in the legislature; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the Kitchen Angels nonprofit organization.

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